GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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EXTRA EXPENDITURE DUE TO USE OF COSTLIER GI PIPES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the test check of 6 divisions in Raipur Zone and other zones including mechanical revealed the use of costlier GI pipes in tubewells during 1997-01 resulting in extra expenditure of Rs.78.69 crore;

(b) if so, whether the Government have enquired into the violation of the provisions of the manual and water supply and treatment (third edition) in the matter;

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(d) the measures taken to ensure the accountability and responsibility of the authorities in this behalf?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN DATTATREYA)

(a): The Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that test check by the audit of 6 divisions of Raipur zone pointed out extra cost of Rs.263.76 lakhs because of the use of G.I. pipes in place of P.V.C. pipes from 1997 to 2001. As different types of pipes are used as per suitability with respect to strata and soil conditions etc., the report of this test check of Audit was not accepted by PHE Department & technical reply was given to Audit.

(b): Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed thatexecution has been taken up as per the manual and technical requirement of the site. Hence violation of provision does not arise.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Does not arise.